

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1587 Session of  
1997

INTRODUCED BY L. I. COHEN, FICHTER, GEORGE, JAROLIN, LAUGHLIN, MASLAND, MELIO, FEESE, RUBLEY, BEBKO-JONES, PHILLIPS, LEDERER, ORIE, HERMAN, BOSCOLA, HALUSKA, McILHATTAN, ROBERTS, MAITLAND, BELARDI, PLATTS, WILT, SCHRODER, CLARK, WAUGH, CASORIO, J. TAYLOR, WOJNAROSKI, DENT, C. WILLIAMS, SERAFINI, SEYFERT, MUNDY, YOUNGBLOOD, BROWNE, HUTCHINSON, BENNINGHOFF, CORPORA, WASHINGTON, E. Z. TAYLOR, RAMOS, GODSHALL, TRELLO, ROSS, ADOLPH, LUCYK, COLAFELLA, PRESTON, CIVERA, SHANER, STEELMAN AND HORSEY, JUNE 4, 1997

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, JUNE 4, 1997

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), entitled "An  
2 act relating to tax reform and State taxation by codifying  
3 and enumerating certain subjects of taxation and imposing  
4 taxes thereon; providing procedures for the payment,  
5 collection, administration and enforcement thereof; providing  
6 for tax credits in certain cases; conferring powers and  
7 imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, certain  
8 employers, fiduciaries, individuals, persons, corporations  
9 and other entities; prescribing crimes, offenses and  
10 penalties," providing for a personal income tax return  
11 checkoff for breast and prostate cancer research; and  
12 establishing the Breast and Prostate Cancer Research Fund.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. The act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as  
16 the Tax Reform Code of 1971, is amended by adding a section to  
17 read:

18 Section 315.1. Breast and Prostate Cancer Research Fund.--

19 (a) The department shall provide a space on the face of the

1 individual income tax return form whereby an individual may  
2 voluntarily designate a contribution of any amount desired to  
3 the Breast and Prostate Cancer Research Fund.

4 (b) The amount so designated by an individual on the income  
5 tax return form shall be deducted from the tax refund to which  
6 such individual is entitled and shall not constitute a charge  
7 against the income tax revenues due the Commonwealth.

8 (c) The department shall determine annually the total amount  
9 designated pursuant to this section, less reasonable  
10 administrative costs, and shall report such amount to the State  
11 Treasurer, who shall transfer such amount from the General Fund  
12 to the Breast and Prostate Cancer Research Fund.

13 (d) The Breast and Prostate Cancer Research Fund is hereby  
14 established as a separate account in the State Treasury. All  
15 moneys in this fund are hereby appropriated on a continuing  
16 basis to the Department of Health for breast and prostate cancer  
17 research.

18 Section 2. This act shall apply to tax returns filed for the  
19 tax year 1997 and each tax year thereafter.

20 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.